

STORM DESTROYS THE SEVASTOPOL

Elements Conspire to Finish the Work Instituted by the Japanese.

DAMAGED VESSELS SUFFER FROM THE STORM.

Warships go to intercept the Baltic Fleet and prevent its coaling in the Maldiv Islands, En Route to Japan—Admiral Togo Takes a Day-off and Goes to Tokyo, Where He Will Confer With the General Staff—At the Memorial Service He Reads Eulogy of the Sailor Dead.

Chafso, Dec. 31.—A heavy storm at sea has completed the destruction of the Sevastopol and other damaged Russian warships have suffered severely.

Sail Under Sealed Orders.

Melbourne, Dec. 31.—The British warships Cadmus and Torch sailed under sealed orders today. It is believed they are going to the Maldiv Islands in connection with the possibility of Admiral Rojstvensky attempting to coal there.

Admiral Togo in Tokyo.

Tokyo, Dec. 31.—Admiral Togo has declined an offer of reception in his honor by the municipality, pleading he is too busy. He intends to devote his time in Tokyo to conferences with the naval general staff. Admiral Togo today attended the general services for the officers and men killed at Port Arthur. He read their eulogy.

Russian Major General Dead.

Chafso, Dec. 31.—In the reported recent attack on positions between Togo Bay and Port Arthur, the Japanese lost 1999 killed and wounded. Some of these positions the Russians lost 150 men. Among the killed was a Russian major general.

SIX FIREMEN INJURED.

Property Loss of \$750,000 by a Chicago Conflagration.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Fire this morning destroyed the building at 154 Van Buren street, occupied by the Peninsular Store company, and the two buildings adjoining, occupied by the Cash Buyers' Union and the Zeno Gun company. A falling wall crushed six cottages and the tenants barely escaped. Loss, \$500,000. Six firemen were injured by flying bricks when the wall fell. Two so seriously they were removed to a hospital. The loss will reach \$750,000.

NO LET UP TO LAWSON.

Threats to Jar Wall Street to the Foundations.

Boston, Dec. 31.—"I have not let up in my battle against the Standard Oil trust, and don't intend to," said Thomas W. Lawson today. "Next Monday evening I will publish a statement that will jar Wall Street to the very foundations. Standard Oil and its allies have had fair warning. Let them watch out for the article. A rude awakening is in store for those who are in sight."

Chicago Grain.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—May wheat opened at 11.12 1/2, closed 11.14 1/2. Corn opened at 45 1/2, closed 45 1/2. Oats opened at 31 1/2, closed the same.

Recovered From Rheumatism.

Miss Mary Van Dran, who has been seriously afflicted with rheumatism, has completely recovered, through a treatment at Hot Lake. When she was taken to the lake, seven weeks ago, she was carried from the train to the hotel and is now fully recovered and in her usual health.

Monday is a Holiday.

The Oregon statute provides that where a legal holiday falls upon Sunday, that the Monday following shall be considered the legal holiday and therefore next Monday, January 1, will be a legal holiday.

Soldier Rioters Sentenced.

Athens, O., Dec. 31.—Judge Woods this morning sentenced the six regular soldiers found guilty of rioting in the streets of this city during the encampment last summer, to pay \$500 fine and serve 30 days in the workhouse. Sergeant Lott, found guilty of shooting with intent to kill, was sentenced to one year in prison.

WILL PURCHASE BULLION.

Government's Stock of Silver Exhausted and Mints Nearly Idle.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Attorney General Moody delivered an opinion in response to a request from Secretary Shaw to the effect that the secretary of the treasury has ample authority to purchase silver bullion in the open market for the purpose of the minting of subsidiary coins. The secretary will not exercise the authority at once, although the stock of bullion is exhausted. Mint employees will be worked three shifts to give employment and prevent closing down entirely.

Indian Fell to Death.

Lewiston, Dec. 31.—County Coroner Vassar of Nez Perce county, arrived here tonight having completed the investigation into the cause of the death of Shewenah Edwards, the Nez Perce Indian found dead by the edge of the river below Lenore. Mr. Vassar states that Edwards was about 25 years old and was en route to visit William Reynolds, a son-in-law, when he was evidently seized with a fit and fell from the railroad track to the rocks below, the fall resulting in his death.

High Tax Levy for Portland.

Portland, Dec. 31.—It is estimated that the total tax levy for Multnomah county for 1905 will be 38.7 mills, divided as follows: State 5.6, state school 5, county 6.4, road 2.1, special county for library 2, port of Portland 2.7, city of Portland 9.6, school district 7.2.

COMMISSIONER SCOTT IN TOWN

MUCH ENCOURAGED BY WASHINGTON OUTLOOK.

Finds Enthusiasm Regarding the Fair Among the Citizens to the Northward, and Hopes for an Appropriation From the Sister State—Will Attend National Livestock Association and Predicts Reorganization—Mr. Scott is a Heavy Breeder of Fine Stock in Multnomah County.

Itchard Scott, of Milwaukee, Wis., commissioner for the Lewis and Clark exposition, was in Pendleton last night. He has been engaged in gathering exhibits for the fair in the Northwest, and was on his way to Portland from a trip to Walla Walla and Pomeroy.

"I am not gathering any exhibits just at present," said Mr. Scott, "but I am keeping in touch with the people of Washington so that they will urge the legislature to make a large appropriation for the fair. Everywhere I go I find the people enthusiastic in regard to the coming exposition, and they are, as a rule, in favor of appropriations for large exhibits."

Mr. Scott is one of the prominent growers of fat stock in the state, and is a vice president of the National Livestock association. He will attend the coming annual meeting at Denver next month, and will depart for Colorado next Friday. "The association," he said, "will be reorganized along new lines."

FREE SUNDAY CONCERT.

Full Program for Tomorrow Afternoon at Music Hall.

The McMinn orchestra will render the following program at Music Hall Sunday afternoon, beginning at 4 o'clock:

- March "Battle of the Waxes."
- Waltz "Wine, Women and Song."
- Selection "The Coconut Dance."
- Intermezzo "Fandango."
- Selection from "Foxy Quiller."
- Song, selected "Mr. Lohin."
- Waltz "Under the Palm Tree."
- March "The Matinee Girl."

The Land of Barley.

Two thousand tons of Washington barley represent the recent purchase of a Seattle firm, says the Post-Intelligencer. The grain was grown in Columbia county. It was bought because of its superior qualities for malting purposes. The contract price was \$1 per 100 pounds. When the delivery is made it will practically clean up the barley crop of 1904 for that section. To haul it away will require two railroad trains of about 25 cars each. Yet this includes only a small portion of the barley that has been stored in the warehouses of Columbia county.

Didn't Get All His Money.

The two thugs who beat up William E. Jibbens two weeks ago and stole \$5820 in gold from him, failed to get all his money, for he had \$2000 in currency on his person, which the robbers did not search after they tied him up with ropes and gagged him. Mr. Jibbens has been suffering from mumps for a week past and he now has erysipelas in the left side of his face. Verily troubles never come singly. There is no trace as yet of the two robbers.—Dayton Courier-Press.

MITCHELL AND HERMANN ARE INDICTED

Portland, Dec. 31.—(Special)—Both Senator Mitchell and Congressman Hermann were indicted by the federal grand jury late this afternoon.

John H. Hall Removed.

Washington, Dec. 31.—President Roosevelt today removed from office District Attorney John H. Hall, of Portland, Or. The action was taken upon the recommendation of Attorney General Moody, as a result of charges in connection with the land cases now being prosecuted by the government in that state.

Indictments Coming.

Portland, Or., Dec. 31.—The grand jury will return an indictment this afternoon against prominent men accused of complicity in land frauds. Hall, who was removed by the president, stated to a reporter, "I know nothing. Did not know there were any charges against me. Have not shielded anyone. Have been charged with something I have had no opportunity to meet or explain."

MRS. CHADWICK PLANNED A GREAT RAID ON WALL STREET

Her Partner in the Conspiracy "Got Cold Feet" and Backed Out of the Combination.

Bank Cashier Arrested and Warrant Out for a Bank President Who Is Missing, as an Effect of Mrs. Chadwick's Operations — Dr. Chadwick Was Arrested Immediately Upon Landing at New York—He Denies All Complicity, and Also All Knowledge of His Wife's Misdeeds Until Recently Informed of the Situation.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Detective Woolridge, whose prosecution of Dr. S. W. Jacobs resulted Thursday in sentencing the promoter to two years in the penitentiary, today claims he obtained a confession from Jacobs to the effect that Mrs. Chadwick visited Chicago and arranged to obtain several million dollars of bogus securities for the alleged purpose of fleeing Wall Street.

Jacobs was convicted of organizing wildcat insurance companies and getting premiums on \$180,000,000 of worthless insurance. Jacobs, according to Woolridge, packed up several millions in "bonds, stocks and certificates," and the couple were about to start to New York when Jacobs' wife became jealous and forced him to abandon the Chadwick project.

Bank Cashier Arrested. Conneaut, O., Dec. 31.—O. C. Lillie, cashier of the First National Bank, was arrested this afternoon charged with embezzlement and making false entries, and a warrant is out for Charles M. Traverser, president of the defunct bank, on the same charge.

Chadwick's Bail \$10,000. Cleveland, Dec. 31.—Judge Tilden in the criminal court today fixed the bail of Dr. Chadwick at \$10,000. It is expected that Chadwick's friends will be ready with the bail when the prisoner arrives.

"Knew Nothing of It."

New York, Dec. 31.—The American liner Pectoria, having on board Dr. Chadwick and his daughter Mary, was sighted off Fire Island at 2 this morning. Sheriff Barry of Cleveland, boarded a revenue cutter and met the Pectoria at quarantine.

Mr. Chadwick was found by the newspaper men seated in his stateroom. He was asked if he knew he was under indictment in Ohio, and said: "I know nothing of it." He then shut himself in the stateroom and refused to answer questions.

Chadwick Under Arrest.

Dr. Chadwick was practically but not technically placed under arrest by Sheriff Barry, who took him with his daughter to Myers' hotel in Hoboken, where he consented to remain until Barry gathered his own effects in New York. The sheriff will then take Chadwick to Cleveland, leaving at 4:55 this afternoon on the Pennsylvania railroad.

When informed of the forgery charges Dr. Chadwick said: "All I know of the charges against me and Mrs. Chadwick is what I have seen in the newspapers. I know nothing of the utterance of any forgery. Up to the present moment I had believed my wife innocent of wrongdoing." Then with a gasp he said: "I hardly know what to believe."

Miss Chadwick in Florida.

Miss Chadwick will be taken care of by relatives in New York for a few days, after which she will probably go to Jacksonville, Fla., where Dr. Chadwick is said to have a brother.

May Fight Extradition.

While Sheriff Barry was absent from New York, Lawyer Carpenter called on Chadwick. It was then announced that Chadwick will not leave for Cleveland on the 4:45 train. There is a possibility he may insist on fighting extradition.

ILLUMINATION AT 1905 FAIR.

Unique Feature Planned for Lewis and Clark Centennial.

Portland, Dec. 31.—Elaborate submarine illumination of Guild's lake will form an unique feature of the Lewis and Clark centennial. Guild's lake, which is the largest body of water ever enclosed within an exposition fence, separates the mainland and the government peninsula, and is spanned by the Bridge of Nations and the Trail, which are aggregately over 2000 feet long.

Chief Engineer J. R. Thompson has planned to place rows of 50-handle power incandescent lamps on the bottom of the lake on each side of the Bridge of Nations. The lights will be enclosed in airtight and watertight marine receptacles, and when the illumination is accomplished it will be possible for spectators on the bridge to look down and see fish swimming in the lake.

In order to make the effect as attractive as possible, the lake will be filled with fresh water fish of various kinds, such as lake trout, catfish, bass, mullets and sunfish. Water plants will also be placed on both sides of the bridge.

To complete the picture, the surface of the lake will be dotted with Indian canoes, propelled by representatives of the Indian tribes through whose country Lewis and Clark passed in their historic pilgrimage a century ago. Besides these there will be a myriad of other craft, ranging from row boats to racing launches of the latest pattern.

C. P. BLAIR IS 99 YEARS OLD

OLDEST MAN IN PENDLETON CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY.

Was Born in North Carolina on December 29, 1805, While Lewis and Clark Were Encamped at Ft. Clatsop—Came to Oregon 1853—Lives With His Daughter, Mrs. M. N. Sawtelle, and Celebrated His 99th Birthday by Climbing the Stairs Several Times—Is in Possession of All His Faculties.

While Lewis and Clark were making notes of the wonderful empire of the Pacific Northwest, around their fires at Fort Clatsop, on December 29, 1805, a baby boy was born in North Carolina, who celebrated his 99th birthday in Pendleton day before yesterday.

C. P. Blair, the oldest man in Umatilla county, and one of the oldest in the state, was 99 years of age Thursday, December 29, and celebrated his birthday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. M. N. Sawtelle, by climbing up and down stairs to his room, about a dozen times.

He is in the enjoyment of the best of health, has a better appetite than he had at 50 and is in possession of all his faculties. He has been a resident of the Pacific coast since 1853, most of that time having been spent in Oregon, and the last eight years in Pendleton.

C. P. Blair, this pioneer and centenarian, was born in North Carolina, emigrated to Kentucky, when a young man, then went in advance of settlement to Illinois, thence to Iowa, and then joined the great trek across the plains to Oregon in 1853.

He has been a hardy, temperate, hard-working, energetic man, and has retained his vigor and faculties to this ripe old age. He lives with his daughter, Mrs. M. N. Sawtelle, and has one son residing here, the well known citizen, T. J. Blair, aged 74, and another son, J. B. Blair, aged 61, is now visiting him from Lake county.

Mr. Blair is hearty and healthy, and fully expects to live to celebrate his 100th birthday next winter, and many more beside it. He takes an optimistic view of life and his cheerfulness is contagious.

WILL GET NEW YEAR TIME.

Western Union Offices Will Receive Correct Time From United States Observatory Tonight.

In order to start off the new year with the correct time, the United States observatory at Washington, D. C., will tonight send the correct time direct from Washington to every Western Union office in the United States and to Sitka, Alaska.

Beginning at 11:55 tonight, the time signal will speed over the wires to every office. During the last five seconds of the old year, absolute silence will prevail on the wires, and at exactly 12, midnight, the last signal will be given, and that time will be taken by every operator in the United States as the correct time on which to begin the new year.

Manager Hatt, of the local offices, has made arrangements to receive the time and a large number of friends will also witness the passing of the old year by the Western Union clock.

Money may buy a place to live, but it takes love to make a home.

SURVEYOR FOUND UNEXPECTED CLUE

Laggard But Significant Developments in the Colorado Murder Case.

STRANGER CARRYING A WOMAN'S CLOTHING.

The Man Acted in a Suspicious Manner and the Protruding Garments Were of the Color of Those Worn by a Certain Missing Woman—Description Does Not Tally With the Companion of the Woman Supposed to Be Murdered—Later Clues From a City in the South.

Colorado Springs, Dec. 31.—What is believed to be the most important clue yet unearthed as to the Mt. Cutler murder mystery, was made public today by the police.

Former City Surveyor H. L. Reed, while going up North Cheyenne canyon December 8, with a party of surveyors, saw a man carrying a bundle of clothing wrapped in paper, and acting in a suspicious manner. The bundle was slightly open, and showed a blue garment of a sort that Mrs. Besse Bounton is supposed to have worn when murdered. The description of the man does not fit the description of Mrs. Bounton's companion, Hilton Franklin. The police are still tracing the movements of Franklin.

Clues From Southern City.

Denver, Dec. 31.—The receipt of half a dozen telegrams and letters from a Southern city, the name of which the police refuse to divulge, has thrown new light on the Mount Cutler murder tragedy.

The police have practically abandoned the theory that the murdered woman is Besse Bounton, but positively refuse to give out a word regarding the new development until an arrest is made, which may be in a few days.

FOR JEFFERSON COUNTY.

Citizens of a Portion of Crook County Seek New Organization.

That the agitation for the formation of the new county of "Stockman," or "Jefferson," from a portion of Crook county, will be revived at the coming session of the legislature, is shown by the following article from the Ashwood Prospector.

The Prospector says: Last week's Crook County Journal had considerable to say about county division and the proposed new county of "Stockman." The Journal might take notice that the proposed new county will not be called Stockman, but Jefferson county. But that has nothing to do with the merits of the case.

Two years ago the friends of the new county made an effort to secure its creation. The bill passed the house with only four votes against it, but it was defeated in the senate. At that time the residents of Prineville made a determined and successful effort against the creation of the county, and the principal argument advanced by them against the new county was that Crook county could not afford to lose the amount of taxable property asked for by the new county.

It is an interesting fact, too, that in spite of Prineville's cry of poverty two years ago, the county is out of debt and has a comfortable sum in the treasury.

Incidentally, it might be mentioned that the only evidence the residents of this section of the county have of an abundance of funds in the county treasury is from the occasionally published statements of the county's finances, for very little county money has been spent here in the building of bridges or betterment of roads.

The Journal does not state on what grounds Prineville will oppose the new county move this year, except that Crook county is not ready as yet "to part with part of her parts," which is a weak plea on the part of so lusty a youth.

Jealousy is always looking for something it does not want to find.

Robbery and Confession.

Elkhart, Ind., Dec. 31.—Late last night Miss Belle Reynolds, bookkeeper for the Warren Hill department store, was bound and gagged and then robbed of \$1,500. An hour later Paul Krohn, the night watchman, released Miss Reynolds and was himself accused of the robbery. He confessed and was placed under arrest. Robber and bookkeeper are cousins.